



Update on the Million Solar Roofs Initiative

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What's New for 2002

- Partnering with Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC)
- Focusing on regional meetings
- Revising system definitions (what counts)
- Developing new methods for “counting”
- Revamping the partnership grants to encourage more accountability
- New National Laboratory MSR duties

Million Solar Roofs and Interstate Renewable Energy Council

- Coordinated annual meeting
 - June 15, 2002 in Reno at Solar 2002
- IREC will be taking on MSR tasks:
 - Newsletter (electronic monthly or biweekly)
 - Website (Moving to Solar Host in June)
 - Regional meeting facilitation (L. Sherwood)
 - Listserv development

Focus on Regional MSR meetings

- Bringing in experts in regionally relevant barrier busting
- Survey of implementation and outreach tools that are available
- Highlighting laboratory technical assistance



New MSR System Definitions

- Plan to include new types of systems
 - Solar trough water heating
 - Solar space heaters
- Plan to revise solar water heating size requirements
 - Change to BTUs rather than sq. ft.
- Sandia National Laboratory will be making recommendations which will be reviewed by MSR partners and Stakeholders before changes are made.

New MSR System Counting

- Considering allowing partners to count kW's or BTU and claim roof "equivalents"
 - Eliminates pressure for a bunch of little systems rather than larger ones
 - Gives partners credit for 100s of "too small" systems
- Looking for ways to use information about solar markets to estimate solar installations.
- Considering counting rehabilitated systems
- National Laboratory staff will be making recommendations which will be reviewed by MSR partners and Stakeholders before changes are made

New partnership Grants

- In 2002 we offer 2 kinds of grants
 - New partnerships grants (Phase 1)
 - Meeting the Commitment (Phase 2) which builds on (forces completion of) prior grants
- Grants offered via State Energy Programs for States and via standard grant solicitation for other type partnerships

National Labs role in MSR

- Provide technical assistance
- Developing information and tools for partnerships
- Developing working MSR house models
- Advising on systems definitions and counting conventions
- Conducting Annual MSR Awards